

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 9-11, and 35-41 have been allowed in the present application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.118(a), Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments do not introduce any new material into the application.

Applicants are submitting this Rule 312 amendment along with the payment of the issue fee in order to correct a typographical error in claim 41. Applicants respectfully assert that this Rule 312 amendment is proper and should be entered.

**Assertion of Large Entity Status**

Applicants are submitting herewith a statement relating to the assignee's current status as a large entity, for the purpose of paying the correct issue fee and for future maintenance fees.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the present case is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that this amendment be entered into the pending case. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned should any further action be required for allowance.



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It is believed that no fees are due with the present amendment. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fee from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/12642.0046.NPUS00.

Respectfully submitted,

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